

## House Resolution 1208

By: Representatives Williams of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Mayo of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Cynthia L. Hale; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a native of Roanoke, Virginia, Reverend Dr. Cynthia L. Hale earned a  
3 bachelor's degree from Hollins University, a Master of Divinity degree from Duke  
4 University, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Hale is the founding and senior pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church in  
6 Decatur, Georgia, a church honored by the 700 Club as Church of the Week and one with an  
7 active membership of 5,000; and

8 WHEREAS, she has been in the ministry for over 30 years and has traveled the world to  
9 spread the message of the Lord, with visits to Africa, Australia, Europe, the Caribbean, and  
10 South America; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Hale established a mentor program, Elah Pastoral Ministries, Inc., to assist  
12 in the spiritual and practical development of pastors and para-church leaders; and

13 WHEREAS, her leadership and guidance as a board member have been invaluable to such  
14 organizations as Hollins University, Beulah Heights University, City of Hope Ministries, the  
15 Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, and 21st Century Vision Team Christian Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Hale was the first member of the DeKalb section of the National Council  
17 of Negro Women and has been inducted into the African American Biographies Hall of Fame  
18 and the Martin Luther King's Board of Preachers of Morehouse College; and

19 WHEREAS, she has been honored and recognized with numerous awards, including the  
20 Outstanding Religious Leader Award from the Nu Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa  
21 Alpha Sorority and a Spiritual Enlightenment Award at the 2005 Trumpet Awards; and

22 WHEREAS, as a minister of the Gospel, Dr. Hale has shown the energy, devotion, and  
23 commitment truly reflective of divine guidance which has allowed the Word of God to  
24 spread throughout the community; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
26 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for her innumerable good works rendered  
27 on behalf of Jesus Christ.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Reverend Dr. Cynthia L. Hale on over three decades of  
30 service to the Lord and her community and extend to her sincere best wishes for the near and  
31 distant future.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Cynthia L.  
34 Hale.